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## **SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

### **SBA Mississippi District Office Awards:**

To be nominated and receive one of the following local awards, the small business nominee must fit within the category of the award, demonstrate success in business and complete and submit the required nomination package information. **Nomination guidelines for District Office Awards can be found at [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw).** \*Incomplete packages will not be accepted.

**Minority Small Business Champion or Business of the Year:** An individual who has fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of small business opportunities for minority business owners may be nominated or a minority-owned small business owner has experienced the rewards and difficulties of owning their own business. Champion nominees may or may not be small business owners.

**Veteran Small Business Champion or Business of the Year:** An individual who has fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of small business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. armed forces may be nominated or a veteran small business owner who has experienced the rewards and difficulties of owning their own business. Champion nominees may or may not be veterans.

**Women in Business Champion or Business of the Year:** An individual who has fulfilled a commitment to the advancement of women's business ownership may be nominated or a women-owned small business owner who has experienced the rewards and difficulties of owning their own business. Champion nominees may or may not be small business owners.

**Financial Services Champion of the Year:** An individual who assists small businesses through advocacy efforts to increase the usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services for small businesses may be nominated. Nominees may or may not be small business owners.

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** An individual who serves as the majority owner and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with a three-year track record, and who will not have reached the age of thirty by June 1, 2022.

### **Where are the nominations to be sent?**

All nominations must be submitted electronically to the U.S. Small Business Administration Mississippi District Office BOX account in the state or territory where the nominee is located. BOX account information is available at [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw).

**When is the deadline for nominations?**

3:00 p.m. ET, January 11, 2022.

***SBA will make the above referenced awards to eligible small businesses at the Mississippi District level only. Awards for Small Business Person of the Year and Exporter of the Year will be forwarded for National competition.***